

BUDGET FROM BEAUMONT.

Wharf and Terminal Company Elect-
ed Directors and Officers.

PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

To Provide the City With Modern
Railroad Facilities—Heavy Deals
Made in Real Estate.

Beaumont, Texas, April 3.—Stockholders of the Beaumont Wharf and Terminal Company, which was chartered by the State last week, have held their first meeting and elected the following directors: W. S. Davidson, W. A. Fletcher, William Wilson, George W. O'Brien, S. H. Van Wormer, George W. Cowles, George W. Carroll, W. W. Wilson, F. A. Helbig, all of Beaumont, and J. P. Featherstone of Galveston. The directors elected officers as follows: W. S. Davidson, president; W. W. Wilson, vice president; S. H. Van Wormer, treasurer; and F. A. Helbig, secretary.

The purposes for which this company was formed, as set forth in its charter, are (1) to construct, maintain and operate a railway terminal within and near the city of Beaumont of the present standard gauge common to railroads, with all the necessary side tracks, branches, spurs and depots connected therewith, and to connect with all other roads entering into, or passing through the said city of Beaumont, and with all kinds and mules therein, but to have no right to charter other railroads for terminal facilities beyond what may be provided by the railroad commissioners, but to have the right to condemn land necessary for right-of-way for such road from and between such cities and towns, and the nearest line of railroad; said main line of said terminal railway to begin at the northeast corner of the Beaumont lumber company's lumber yard, in the southern part of said city, and run thence in a northeasterly direction to, at or near the intersection of the main line of the Beaumont lumber company's mill, and thence up the Neches river, near or along the same, with all necessary branches or spurs, and continuing of and near or along Drake's bayou, a branch of said river, on its west side, with necessary branches or spurs to a point at or near the intersection of the main line of the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City railway; thence in a southerly direction to a point near the beginning of the said terminal railway, with such branches, spurs and switches as are necessary for connections with said railroads passing through or entering Beaumont; (2) to construct, purchase and maintain such wharves on the banks of said Neches river and Drake's bayou as shall be necessary to connect said terminal railway with said navigable waters, and the said Beaumont Wharf and Terminal company shall furnish trucking or transportation of cargo, passengers and freight over its tracks, and in and to its connections for railroad companies.

This company was organized as a strictly Beaumont enterprise, and the idea of its promoters is for it to ever remain under the control of Beaumont citizens. Captain George W. O'Brien is one of the leading capitalists among the promoters, and he expects the company to be a potent factor in the upbuilding of the city. "It solves the question of terminals for all railroads," said the captain, "and that is a considerable item, for under present conditions it would cost a new railroad thousands of dollars to get switch connections with the various mills. It also places Beaumont in position to locate its location of factories with the assurance that the product of the factory will have convenient connection with every railroad running through the city."

Captain O'Brien says that three of the five railroads now centering in Beaumont have encouraged the terminal company by giving stock and he thinks the other two will do so as they thoroughly understand the proposition. It is the intention to begin construction of the terminal road this summer as right of way and other preliminary matters are arranged.

WILL BE A RAILROAD CENTER.
"Beaumont is indeed a railroad center and is destined to become one of the most important railroad terminal cities in Texas," said the captain. "It is a fact that the South that has a future which promises more prosperity and development than does Beaumont, and that is the fact that it is the only city in the South that has a future which promises more prosperity and development than does Beaumont."

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being the purchase by the Port Arthur Land company of 1475 acres in the Benedict survey for \$8850. The land fronts on Sabine lake and is only a few miles from Port Arthur. Another rather large deal was J. E. Broussard's purchase of 2314 acres in the Felipe Lazare league for \$6022.50.

TEMPERANCE LECTURER.
Miss Della Kearney, National organizer of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance union, will give a free lecture at the opera house Tuesday night in the interest of the cause of which she is such an eloquent and effective advocate. Miss Kearney, though comparatively young, is looked upon as one of the leaders of philanthropic thought in this country, and she has concentrated every talent of heart, brain and soul in an endeavor to create sober homes, noble thought, purer living and justice to woman. Her topic will be "Christian Temperance" or some kindred subject and her lecture will be interesting as well as instructive.

READING CLUB.
The Woman's Reading club met at the home of Mrs. J. B. Goodhue on Friday, April 2. The following programme was rendered:

Quotations from James Whitcomb Riley.
Tales—Settlement of Pennsylvania by William Penn. His Life and Treatment of the Aborigines.
Vocal solo—Miss Louisa Long.
Paper—The Founding of the "City of Brotherly Love" and its History up to the Present Times.
Vocal solo—Mrs. R. Norvell.
Paper—The Home of the Monstrous.
Vocal solo—Mrs. Goodhue.
Vocal solo—Mrs. Ida Norvell and Mrs. Edwards.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Plover are thick on the prairie around Beaumont and they are being slaughtered by the hundreds.

Coleman W. S. Davidson, president of the First National bank, left for Asheville, N. C., Tuesday night, to visit his father, now 75 years of age, at that city.

City Treasurer Fletcher has money to pay registered street and bridge scrip up to and including No. 894, and general fund scrip up to registered No. 837.

A half dozen or more prospectors and prospective investors have been in the city during the week. Of late this class of visitors has been quite numerous.

Tuesday will be the regular monthly meeting day of the city council. It will also be the day on which an alderman from each of the three wards will be elected, and the council session therefore will be brief.

Plans for continuing the work on the jet. tie at Sabine Pass will be opened on the 10th. Several contractors, prospective bidders for the work, have been in this vicinity during the past ten days and have investigated the rock resources at Rockland and the facilities for getting it to the place.

Mr. H. Turner of Kountze, departed yesterday morning for the St. Lawrence river, Canada. Mr. Turner recently purchased a schooner of 200 ton freight capacity, which he proposes putting in the lumber exporting business out of Sabine Pass. He has gone in company with a captain employed at Lake Charles will sail it around to Sabine Pass.

Curly Pine camp, Woodmen of the World, will give an entertainment to the members and their families on the 10th inst. Several of the members of the lodge are expected to be present, and the evening will be a most enjoyable one. The Woodmen's entertainments have always been most enjoyable and the recollection of past gatherings of a similar nature will be sufficient to cause their lodge room on the occasion referred to.

W. W. Green vs. Wm. J. Lemps' Brewing company, suit for damages on breach of contract, is the title of a suit filed with District Clerk Blanchette this week. Plaintiff alleges in his petition that on October 28, 1896, defendant and plaintiff entered into a contract whereby plaintiff was to become agent for defendant in Beaumont; that plaintiff arranged to transact the business of such agency, when defendant revoked the contract, with the result that plaintiff is entitled to damages in the sum of \$1843.15, prayed for.

WEATHER AND CROPS.
Celeste, Texas, April 3.—Owing to the heavy rains farmers have had to plant their corn the second time, and some have had to plant again. There are fine prospects for wheat and oats.

Grandland, Texas, April 2.—The heavy rains of the last few days have not damaged crops very much. Corn is up and looking very well, some have had to plant again. Farmers are now in better shape with their crops than for years. Cotton planting is progressing rapidly. Oats are looking fine and promise a heavy yield.

Angleton, Texas, April 2.—The cotton acreage of this part of Brazoria county will exceed that of last year by at least 500 per cent, which is certainly very large to illustrate J. F. Hurst had fifteen acres last year, planted seventy-five acres this year; H. Hirschner, two acres, this year twenty acres; J. H. Hirschner, eight acres, this year thirty acres. This increase is general in this section, besides many acres of new land that is being planted to cotton.

CARSON, SEWELL & CO.
Among the most prominent and best known in the business world of Texas and Houston is the firm of Carson, Sewell & Co., wholesale grocers and cotton factors. This eminent house enjoys an enviable reputation for the integrity, enterprise and ability of the members that compose the firm.

They were first organized in 1855, composed of Mr. Philip Carson, Mr. E. A. Sewell, Mr. W. B. Chew and Mrs. Fannie Calhoun. Not only is the firm known as a wholesale grocery, but they are recognized as one of the largest cotton factors in Houston. This part of their business is increasing year by year and holds fair in the near future to be without a rival in Texas.

Their large building is filled with a complete stock of wholesale groceries, and at all hours of the day may be seen ten after ten of goods being loaded and shipped to be shipped to their respective destinations. They have on the road continually a great many salesmen, who are pushing their sales wherever the trade is willing to buy at a cheap price, and whose merits are well known. Carson, Sewell & Co. expend a great amount of money every year in Houston. In addition to their large office force and various clerks, the laborers that are employed daily to handle the immense volume of goods that pass through Carson, Sewell & Co.'s doors receive yearly a large amount of money for performing their duties. As was said in the fore part of this article, their business is increasing steadily, increasing the amount of money it makes and at the same time increasing their yearly expenditures. Their host of friends are legion. They are doing an immense business as wholesale grocers and cotton factors, and growing, as they undoubtedly are, it is but fair to say that before long their growth will surpass the best of their friends. Their warehouse and sales rooms are located at the corner of Franklin avenue and Travis street.

Weddings, families and parties supplied with cakes made to order by Dawson, Capitol and Fannin.

..... HOUSTON'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE ANOTHER GREAT SHIPMENT RECEIVED!

We have Received Another Shipment of Specials last Week, which will be Placed on Sale this Week.

A Great Sale of Ladies' Muslin Underwear.

10 Dozen Ladies' Muslin Gowns, tucked yoke, ruffled neck and sleeves, worth 75c, at 45c.
4 Dozen Empire Gowns, embroidered yoke, with large sailor collar, ruffled neck, collar and sleeves, worth \$1.00, at 60c.
10 Dozen Cambric Empire Gowns, embroidered sailor collar and ruffle on collar and sleeves, worth \$1.50, at 90c.
6 Dozen Cambric Empire Gowns, tucked and embroidered fancy collar, with ruffled yoke, full sweep, worth \$2.00 and \$2.50, at \$1.25 and \$1.45.

Muslin Skirts.

Ladies' Muslin Underskirts, double row tucks and Cambric ruffle, worth 75c, at 45c.
Ladies' Cambric Underskirts, large embroidered ruffle and tucks, worth \$1.00, at 60c.
Ladies' Muslin and Cambric Underskirts, deep embroidered ruffle and tucks, at 80c, \$1.25, \$1.45 and \$1.95, are worth \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Muslin Drawers.

25 Dozen Ladies' Muslin Drawers, tucked, with French belt, worth 50c, at 25c.
15 Dozen Cambric Umbrella Drawers, with deep ruffle, worth 50c to 60c, at 35c.
50 Dozen Ladies' Cambric Drawers, embroidered and ruffled, at 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c and \$1.00, are worth from 25c to 75c per pair more than they are marked.

Ladies' Chemises.

20 Dozen Fine Muslin Chemises, corded neck and 1 sleeve, worth 50c, at 25c.
12 Dozen Muslin Chemises, square embroidered yoke, neck and sleeves, worth 60c to 75c, at 35c.
10 Dozen Cambric and Muslin Chemises, square and round embroidered yoke, neck and sleeves, worth 50c, at 45c.
8 Dozen Cambric Chemises, embroidered and ruffled yoke, neck and sleeves, at 60c, worth \$1.00.
See our line of Chemise at 75c, 85c and \$1.25, worth \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
15 Dozen Ladies' Chemise at 50c, 75c, 85c and \$1.45, each and every one worth from 50c to \$1.00 more than advertised prices.

Corset Covers.

25 Dozen Cambric Corset Covers, embroidered neck and sleeves, worth 40c, at 25c.
10 Dozen Cambric Corset Covers, trimmed in Irish point, worth 60c to 75c, at 35c.
25 Dozen Round and V Shape Corset Covers, worth \$1.00, at 55c. Same line of Corset Covers at 75c and 95c.

Linen Department.

10 Pieces Bleached Table Damask, 55 inches wide, worth 50c, at 15c a yard.
10 Pieces 55-inch Bleached Linen Table Damask, worth 50c a yard, at 35c a yard.
6 Pieces 62-inch All Linen Bleached Satin Damask, worth 75c, at 45c a yard.
6 Pieces Turkey Red Table Linen, worth 25c, at 15c a yard.
5 Pieces 50-inch Turkey Red Table Linen, worth 40c, at 25c a yard.
10 Pieces Turkey Red Table Linen, at 35c and 40c, worth 50c and 75c a yard.

Great Bargain in Towels.

50 Dozen Bleached Linen Huck Towels, 18x40, worth 15c to 20c, at 10c.
25 Dozen All Linen Fringed Towels, worth 25c, at 15c each.
20 Dozen All Linen Bleached Damask Towels, 40x24, worth 40c, at 25c.

Specials in Birdseye.

50 Pieces Birdseye, 30 yards in a piece, size 22 inches, worth 60c, at 45c.
50 Pieces, size 24-inch, worth 75c, at 55c.
50 Pieces, 27-inch, worth 85c, at 65c a piece of ten yards.

Bed Spreads.

100 White Crochet Spreads, worth 75c, at 45c.
100 White Crochet Spreads, worth \$1.00, at 60c.
100 White Crochet Spreads, worth \$1.25, at 80c.

At 39c a Dress Pattern.

As long as it lasts, any hour, any day—five cases "Vivette Batiste," fast colors, new and desirable patterns, about 60 styles to select from; a part of them are displayed in our windows, worth double the advertised price.

A 10-Yard Pattern for 39c.

Call early and select prettiest patterns; only one pattern to a customer.

Genuine Indigo Blue Prints.

A 10-Yard Pattern for 39c.

5000 yards real Indigo Blue Dress Prints, warranted colors the 6c kind—a 10-yard pattern, any hour, any day, as long as it lasts, for 39c.

Great Sale in Percale at 5½c.

Just received—10,000 yards full yard wide English Percales, fast colors, latest scroll effects, stripes and figures, never was known to sell for less than 10c; this week, as long as it lasts, only 5½c a yard. If you are too late and we are sold out, it won't be our fault, so you had best call early.

Our Skirt Sale Continued This Week.

50 Novelty Shepherd Plaid Skirts, in latest broken Plaids, in Black and White and Brown and White, real tailor made, worth \$2.50 to \$3.00 each, at only \$1.48.

Silk Skirts. Silk Skirts.

60 Black Brocaded Taffeta Silk Skirts, in latest large Brocades, warranted pure Silk, worth \$10 each, at \$5.98.

Moire Velour Skirts.

25 Black Moire Velour Skirts, same as shown all over the city at \$8.50 and \$10.50, we will sell at \$6.98.

Black Brilliantine Skirts.

500 Black Brilliantine Skirts at 98c, \$1.25, \$2.25, \$2.98 and \$3.98, are worth double the amount.

HOUSTON DRY GOODS COMPANY. SUCCESSORS TO BROWN BROS.

Special Bargains

In Plain White Organdy, 2 yards wide, 5 Yards will make a Dress.

10 Pieces Plain White French Organdy, 2 yards wide, worth 50c, at 35c a yard.
10 Pieces Plain White French Organdy, 3 yards wide, worth 50c, at 45c a yard.
10 Pieces Plain White Organdy, 2 yards wide, worth \$1.25 a yard, at 98c.
Imported Organdy, the real French Organdy, 40c quality, at 15c a yard.
The real French Organdy, 30c quality, at 15c a yard.

At 19c a Yard.

Something very handsome, Satin Stripe Organdy, worth 25c, at 19c a yard.

A Special Bargain.

40-inch Organdy in navy and black grounds, with white figures, fast colors, worth 25c, at 15c.

At 69c a Dress Pattern.

500 Dress Patterns of Corded Swiss and Corded Batiste in the latest scroll effects, worth 10c per yard, a dress pattern of ten yards for 69c.

At 98c a Pattern.

Choice of a lot of 15c and 20c Organdies, at 98c a dress pattern of ten yards.

At 12½c a Yard.

100 Pieces Swiss Organdy, sells everywhere 20c, only 12½c a yard.

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs.

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40 Dozen Ladies' Handkerchiefs, worth 15c to 18c, at 10c.
25 Dozen Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 25c and 30c, at 15c each.
20 Dozen Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 30c, at 15c.
See our line that we sell at a quarter.

Hosiery.

100 Dozen Ladies' absolutely Fast Black Hosiery for 12½c to 15c a pair, 3 pairs for 25c.
50 Dozen Ladies' Drop-Stitch Hosiery, Hermsdorf Dye, full regular make, worth 25c a pair, 3 pairs for 50c.
60 Dozen Misses' English Ribbed Hosiery, seamless and stainless, excellent finish, worth 15c a pair, this week 3 pairs for 25c.

New Belts.

We have just received a new assortment of Belts.
60 Dozen Black Silk Belts, with white and black metal buckles, worth 25c, at 10c each.
10 dozen White Kid Belts, worth 35c, at 15c each.
25 Dozen Black and Tan Leather Belts with latest harness buckle, worth 25c, at 15c.
15 Dozen Tan and Black Leather Belts, with latest double buckle, worth 50c, at 25c.
See our line of finer Belts, at 35c, 45c, 75c and 95c.

Infant's Dresses.

100 Infants' Short Dresses, 1 to 3 years, made of Cambric, unbleached and tucked yoke, ruffled neck and sleeves, worth 50c, 75c and \$1, at 25c, 35c and 45c.
100 Infants' Short Dresses, 1 to 3 years, made of Nainsook, fancy tucked yoke, embroidered yoke and sleeves, ruffled shoulders, worth \$1.25, at 75c; worth \$1.50, at 95c.
See our line of Infants' Real Fine Nainsook and French Batiste Dresses, reduced from \$1.50, \$2.25 and \$2.50 to \$1.10, \$1.50 and \$1.95.

HUNTSVILLE.

Verdicts in Two Civil Suits—Enjoyable Entertainments.

Huntsville, Texas, April 3.—In the district court the main business this week has been the suit of L. A. Ellis vs. S. T. Fontaine et al, which resulted in a verdict and judgment for plaintiffs for two-thirds interest in the land in controversy under their power of attorney, which is declared irrevocable, and judgment for defendant, Fontaine, for the other third.

John Carle, by guardians, vs. International and Great Northern railroad, verdict for plaintiff for \$150.

Mr. Arthur Love and family gave a pleasing musical comedy and specialty performance at the opera house last night to a large audience.

will be assisted by Rev. E. W. Solomon of Martin.

The business houses have been asked to close at 7 p. m. during the meeting, to give their employees a chance to attend.

The ladies enjoyed three lovely entertainments during the week, one at Mrs. W. Y. Barr's, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Judge Gould of Palestine; another a symposium entertainment at Mrs. E. S. Rathbun's in the Literary club and the third at Mrs. George N. Otley's at the Fancy Work club. All were very enjoyable occasions.

The mother of Professor W. M. Coleman, from Houston, is visiting her son here.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Who Wants Him?—Taylor, Texas, March 31.—The following described negro: Name, Will Miller, alias Will Batts, alias George Washington, alias Rob Lewis; color, dark mulatto; height, about 6 feet; weight, from 175 to 180 pounds; age, about 25 years; very

broad shoulders, stands very erect; has scar on back of head in edge of hair; long knife scar across right buttock; scar under right eye; several scars on left leg between knee and ankle, apparently shotgun wound; scar on left side near top of hip bone; rather broad under eyes and broad nose. His skin has reddish hue, and eyes more yellow than black; has little moustache and thin beard on chin; wears about a No. 9 shoe; evidently a fugitive from justice, as he was found hiding in the brush on San Gabriel river and having his meals carried to him by other parties; claims that he people live in Washington county, near Hirscham. Address all information to S. A. Gamble, constable, Taylor, Texas.

Gonzales, Texas, March 31.—Look out for sorrel Kentucky mare, white hind feet, blaze face, about 1½ hands high, very gentle to work or ride; no brand. Address people live in Washington county, near Hirscham. Address all information to S. A. Gamble, constable, Taylor, Texas.

An Ideal Spot.

To the Editor of The Post.
Alameda, Texas, April 2.—About one year ago I became deeply interested in Texas; studied her history, geography, geology and climatic conditions and feeling qualified to judge of what I did not see by what I might see in Texas I started for this State, coming via the Missouri, Kansas and Texas to Houston.

By chance I met J. C. Hooper at the depot, who took me to a good lodging house, and in the morning I began to look over Houston; saw roses in bloom, visited the market house, saw beets, onions, lettuce and cabbage right from the gardens, and such fish and oysters as we seldom see up North. We hired a bus and rode to Alameda—the veritable plain of pear orchards.

I visited Alvin, Hitchcock, Bushnell and Dickinson—all had their good points, but

I failed to find just what I desired for a home in Texas.

I then visited Galveston, spent two days looking up the business of the city, at her wharves, her market, her baths and wholesale business. I took a sail up Galveston and Trinity bays and up the north fork of Double bayou to Colonel Hamilton's. I spent a week with the colonel and found him one of the most affable gentlemen I have ever met.

After seeing all of Magnolia plain I decided Ash Point to be my ideal, when developed, for a home in South Texas. I will change the name from Ash Point to Clover Rest.

I have traveled more than 2000 miles looking for the best place to live, but never saw such a place as this where so much that is desirable could be obtained for so little money. As a boy that has fought honey, when I go North I will carry the good news of Magnolia Plain on the east shore of Trinity bay of her soil and bright, kind citizens. H. A. Myers.